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5 December 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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FROM:

[redacted]
Executive Secretary
Science and Technology Advisory Panel

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SUBJECT: STAP Review of the Intelligence Community's Collection and
Analysis Effort Against Foreign Use of Chemical and Toxin
Weapons [redacted]

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1. Action Requested: Formal tasking of the STAP to review the
Community's efforts to collect and analyze intelligence on the use of chemical
and toxin weapons. [redacted]

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2. Background: The STAP effort proposed in the attached tasking
memorandum was prompted by discussions between yourself and [redacted]
[redacted] the Chairman of STAP. The issue had previously been raised in
several discussions between [redacted] of STAP, [redacted] of
CIA/OSWR and current Chairman of the Interagency Working Group on Chemical
Weapons/Toxin Use, [redacted] former NIO at Large and Dr. Fred Ikle of
the Department of Defense. All agree that the process of acquiring CW/BW
samples, the method of technical analysis, the quality of human technical
expertise (especially in DoD), and the scientific exposition of the
intelligence judgments need to be reviewed and strengthened. This review will
also provide insights which may be useful in providing a DCI response, if
needed, to the ongoing Senate Select Committee on Intelligence review of the
Community's performance on BW/CW matters. [redacted]

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STAT3. The Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) has been
assessing intelligence problems posed by foreign CBW capabilities and
activities for some time, and is now considering proposing the establishment
of an interagency working group to address these problems from a
comprehensive, all-source perspective. In this event, we will endeavor to
ensure that both the CIPC and STAP projects proceed in a closely coordinated,
mutually supportive fashion. [redacted]

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Effort Against Foreign Use of Chemical and Toxin Weapons [REDACTED]

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4. The proposed tasking memorandum was largely drafted by the Chairman, STAP and reflects his understanding of the issues and requirements which have evolved from numerous discussions with both analysts and managers in the Intelligence Community. [REDACTED]

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5. Recommendation: That you sign the attached tasking memorandum. [REDACTED]

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Attachment:
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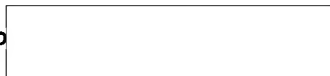
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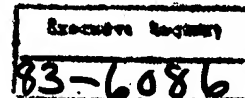
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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Chairman, DCI Science and Technology Advisory Panel

SUBJECT:

Initiation of Scientific Intelligence Review
Project on Chemical Weapons Intelligence [REDACTED]

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1. Action Requested: - That you organize a STAP review assessment of the organization and methodology used to arrive at conclusions of the intelligence community with respect to the use by Foreign Nations of chemical and toxin weapons worldwide. The STAP should review the extent to which compartmented information has aided the interpretation of clinical, toxicological and chemical, and operational evidence of chemical and toxin warfare. [REDACTED]

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2. Background: Because of the recognized dangers of worldwide proliferation and use of biological/chemical/toxin agents, the analysis of physical and medical samples collected from the field deserves the best coordinated and technologically informed management, and the best scientific minds, in and out of the government. The members of the Review Panel should apprise themselves of all of the evidence and analysis that have been gathered and processed on this issue during the last two years, and of the management structures applied to the coordination of collection and analysis. You should consider the feasibility and value of gathering additional physical evidence based upon our current understanding of the use issue, and the remaining questions of a technical nature in the minds of the Community analysts working on these subjects. I expect that this study will be constructive, and would be most pleased if suggestions for alternative analytical procedures and laboratories could be defined by the members. And finally, it is important that both in terms of our current analytical efforts and our future plans that this review group pay special attention to the level of resources being applied to the analysis of both hard and soft intelligence data concerning use of chemical agents. [REDACTED]

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3. I would like the chairman of this group to be [REDACTED] 25X1
Although I wish that [REDACTED] be given the opportunity to select a small group of appropriately cleared individuals to serve with him, I strongly recommend that two additional members of your STAP be included on the Panel. 25X1
I am thinking of you, as Chairman of STAP, and [REDACTED] of Cal Tech. I would also suggest that a fourth member could [REDACTED] 25X1
Harvard University. It may be that the Panel would, from time to time, wish to avail themselves of several other cleared consultants at the SECRET level, but the membership of the primary group must include only individuals cleared at the special intelligence/codeword level. Their point of contact for access to the analysts in the Community should be the Chairman of my Working Group on Chemical Weapons/Toxin Use, [REDACTED] 25X1

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4. It would seem reasonable to me that a formulation of this study could be accomplished in approximately one month and presented to you as Chairman of the STAP for approval. I would also expect that a report with constructive recommendations should be available to me in approximately six months. []

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5. I would appreciate your informing [] and the members of his Review Panel that my intention in commissioning this effort is not in any way based on a dissatisfaction with the past analytical effort. It is, however, a clear intention that past lessons can be used to sharpen future efforts consonant with the increased priorities we have recently conferred to this subject in Priority Collection Plan Four and other Community tasking plans for collection and analysis. []

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6. In view of the skepticism mounted by some who may not be in a position to receive classified information, you should also recommend the most constructive steps needed for the acquisition and presentation of scientific data for the widest scrutiny at an unclassified level, without compromising sensitive sources. You will, of course, report at an appropriate level of classification back to me prior to any further dissemination of your conclusions. []

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/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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